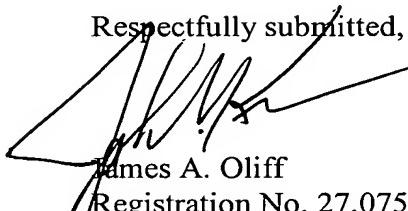


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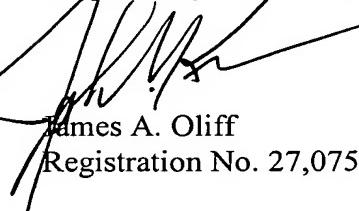
Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-21 are amended. No new matter is added.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-23 are earnestly solicited.

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